



Qualifying Online Information Resources for Chemists

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Access to Information

- For me...
 - PhD : Libraries primary source of information
 - PostDoc/Academia: Libraries and librarians
 - Eastman Kodak: Software tools and databases
 - Kodak and ACD/Labs: Replaced by the internet
 - Today: The Internet enhanced by a network of collaborators...

- Librarians have become gurus in using software systems to resource information



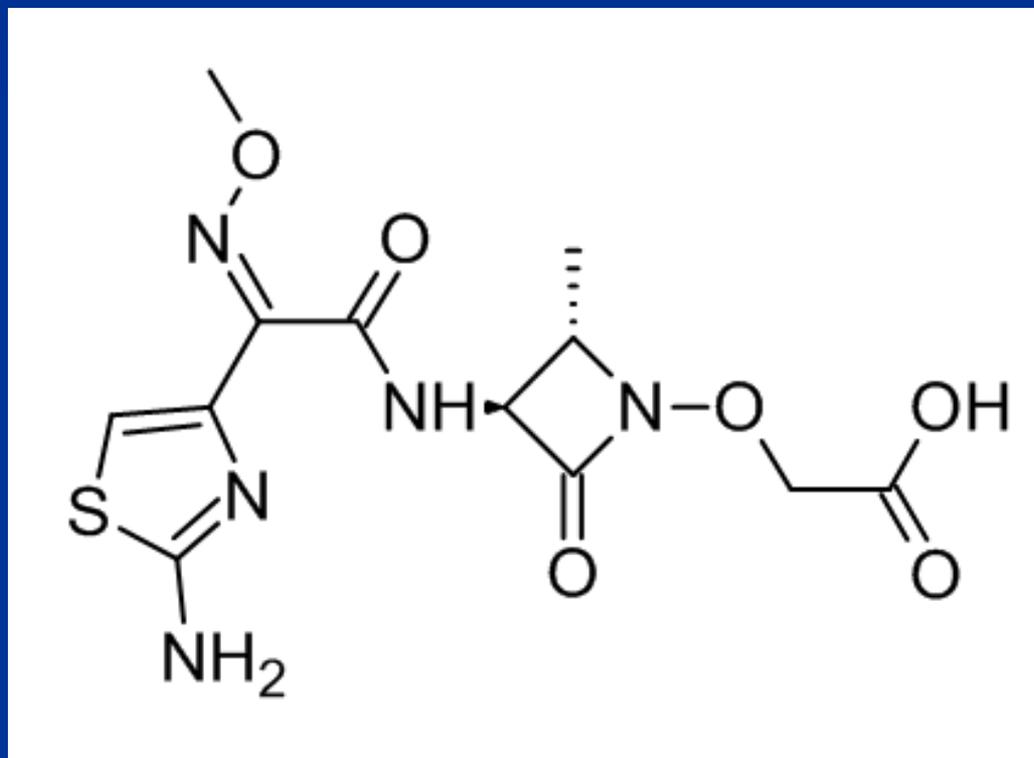
Content is King

- Chemistry “content” is big money – Chemistry publishing and content is worth \$100s of millions/year
 - Patent searching
 - Structures and properties
 - Drug databases
 - Literature databases
- **Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS)**, a division of the ACS is “Gold Standard” in Chemistry related information
 - 101 years of content, \$260 million revenue (2006), >40 million substances and 60 million sequences



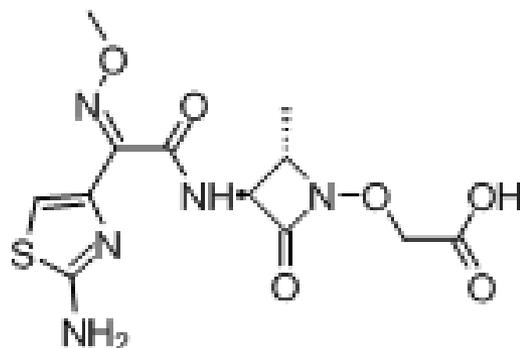
The Language of Chemistry

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And its dialects....



90849-080-4 (CAS Number)

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{[(2S,3S)-3-[[[(2Z)-2-(2-amino-1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-2-(methoxyimino)acetyl]amino]-2-methyl-4-oxoazetidin-1-yl]oxy}acetic acid

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As a chemist...

- I look for information about chemicals/chemistry
 - What is a particular structure ?
 - What alternative names/identifiers?
 - Reaction synthesis?
 - Physical properties?
 - Analytical data?
 - Purchase?
 - Tell me more?
 - Similar stuff – what other compounds are “like” mine?



Why Journals?

- Journals contain lots of information but are limited – text, charts, graphs and pictures.
- Text-based searches of the internet gets me to articles VERY quickly then articles can disappoint me. **I use what I can afford.** So do others...
 - Google
 - Google Scholar
 - PubMed
- Updating my CV recently was a breeze...the Internet versus other sources



Searching and Reading Articles...

- Searching articles based on chemical structure and substructure is very expensive.. but is changing
- The web IS “tool-ready” so when will publishers deliver?
 - Structures can be shown
 - Spectra can be interactive
 - Graphics don't need to be static
 - Publishers can enhance their articles (Project Prospect from the RSC is an example)



Publications

Reagents and conditions: (a) *n*-BuLi, Et₂O, 0 °C to 25 °C. (b) Me₃SnCl, 0 °C, 73% over two steps. (c) Benzyl chloride, K₂CO₃, DMF, 83%. (d) (i) Methyl azidoacetate, sodium methoxide, MeOH. (ii) *p*-Xylene, 160 °C, 47% over two steps. (e) (i) NaOH. (ii) CuSO₄, Na₂CO₃. (iii) Quinoline, 215 °C, 72% over three steps. (f) POCl₃, DMF, 87%. (g) MeNO₂, NH₄OAc, 98%. (h) (i) LiAlH₄. (ii) Di-*t*-butyldicarbonate, 4-*N*-dimethylaminopyridine, 80% over two steps. (i) Compound 11, Pd(PPh₃)₄, CuCl, LiCl, DMSO, 60 °C, 2 d, 71%. (j) Pd black, HCO₂NH₄, 94%. (k) (i) Salcomine, O₂, MeCN. (ii) 1% formic acid in H₂O, 77% over two steps, 1:2.5 Compound 20:Compound 21. DMF, *N,N*-dimethylformamide; salcomine, bis(salicylidene)ethylenediimino cobalt II.

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Elements

The tryptamine cross-coupling partner Compound 17 was synthesized beginning with commercially available bromo-salicylaldehyde Compound 12. Benzyl protection (yielding Compound 13), followed by condensation with methyl azidoacetate and subsequent Hemetsberger indole cyclization, provided 2-carbomethoxyindole Compound 14. Subsequent saponification and copper II-mediated decarboxylation in quinoline provided indole Compound 15 (ref. 17). Formylation, Henry reaction (yielding Compound 16), reduction and protection of the nitrogens then gave the tryptamine Compound 17.

The stage was now set to form the critical C7-C10 bond through Stille cross-coupling. Reaction of Compound 17 with Compound 11 in presence of a palladium catalyst did indeed give the protected biaryl Compound 18 in good overall yield¹⁸. Debenzoylation, followed by subjecting phenol Compound 19 to salcomine under an oxygen atmosphere, provided a 1:2.5 regioisomeric mixture of *p*- and *o*-quinones Compound 20 and Compound 21, respectively. We were able to separate the undesired regioisomer from the desired *p*-quinone Compound 20 after selective cleavage of the indole *t*-butylcarbamate (Boc) group under mild conditions (1% formic acid in water).

In the final phase of our synthesis, we subjected *p*-quinone Compound 20 to a large excess of the lithium enolate of *N,N*-dimethylhydantoin. After aqueous workup in air, we isolated *p*-quinone Compound 22 (Scheme 3). Removal of all remaining protecting groups using boron tribromide then gave crude Compound 23, which is a partially reduced version of 5, the centerpiece of our biosynthetic proposal. Treatment of the crude product with ten equivalents of silver II oxide in methanol and 2% formic acid¹⁹ did indeed give exiguamine A in 46% yield. This single synthetic operation includes two oxidations, the intramolecular nucleophilic attack of a tertiary amine onto an *o*-quinone, tautomerization and, finally, oxa-6π-electrocyclization. Silver II oxide proved essential to the reaction cascade, as subjecting crude Compound 23 to methanol and 2% formic acid under an ambient atmosphere failed to oxidize the catechol moiety, resulting in the recovery of pure Compound 23.

Families

Names



Enable Electronic Articles...

- Structures are the language of chemistry
- Show structures to chemists and search/link from there...

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Chemical Name
glutathione

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...e-membrane reactor using a potent mutant of **pyruvate decarboxylase** from **Zymomonas mobilis**.

...thesis of β -substituted δ -oxopentanoates and δ -lactones. *Chem. Ber.* **127**, 2223-2227

Species
Zymomonas mobilis

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Zymomonas mobilis is a bacterium belonging to the genus *Zymomonas*. It is notable for its bioethanol-producing capabilities, which surpass yeast in some aspects. It was originally isolated from alcoholic beverages like the African palm wine, the Mexican pulque, and also as a contaminant of cider and beer in European countries. *Z. mobilis* degrades sugars to pyruvate using the Entner-Doudoroff pathway. The pyruvate is then fermentated to produce ethanol and carbon dioxide as the only products (analogous to yeast). The advantages of *Z. mobilis* over *S. cerevisiae* with respect to producing bioethanol: *higher sugar uptake and ethanol yield, *lower biomass production, *higher ethanol tolerance, *does not require controlled addition of oxygen during the fermentation, *amenability to genetic manipulations. However, it has a severe limitation compared to yeast: its utilizable substrate range is restricted to glucose, fructose, and sucrose. Using biotechnological methods, scientists are currently trying to overcome this. A variant of *Z. mobilis* that is able to use certain pentoses as a carbon source has been developed. An interesting characteristic of *Z. mobilis* is that its plasma membrane contains hopanoids, pentacyclic compounds similar to eukaryotic sterols. This allows it to have an extraordinary tolerance to ethanol in its environment, around 13%. [Read more...](#) or [Edit at Wikipedia...](#)

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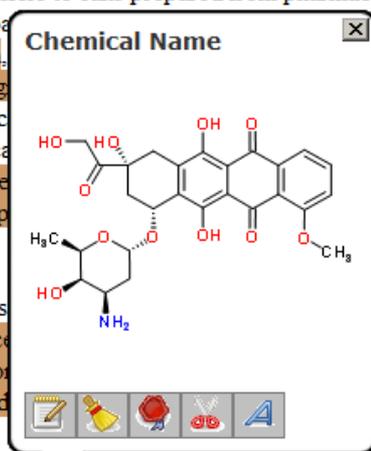


And Extend to Patents...

[0179] The term "pharmaceutically acceptable salts" refers to salts prepared from pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic bases or acids. When the compound of the present invention is acidic, its corresponding salt can be conveniently prepared from pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic bases, including inorganic bases and organic bases. Salts derived from such inorganic bases include aluminum, ammonium, calcium, magnesium, potassium, sodium, zinc and the like salts. Particularly preferred are the ammonium, calcium, magnesium, potassium, sodium, and zinc salts. Salts derived from pharmaceutically acceptable organic non-toxic bases include salts of primary, secondary, and tertiary amines, as well as cyclic amines, such as piperidine, morpholine, and the like. Other pharmaceutically acceptable organic non-toxic bases from which salts can be prepared include diethylamine, 2-diethylaminoethanol, 2-dimethylaminoethanol, triethylamine, isopropylamine, lysine, methylglucamine, morpholine, piperazine, and the like.

[0180] When the compound of the present invention is basic, its corresponding salt can be conveniently prepared from pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic acids, including inorganic acids and organic acids. Such acids include, for example, acetic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, citric acid, hydrobromic acid, hydrochloric acid, isethionic acid, lactic acid, maleic acid, malic acid, mandelic acid, methanesulfonic acid, phosphoric acid, succinic acid, sulfuric acid, tartaric acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid and the like. Particularly preferred are benzenesulfonic acid, citric acid, hydrobromic acid, hydrochloric acid, isethionic acid, lactic acid, maleic acid, malic acid, mandelic acid, methanesulfonic acid, phosphoric acid, succinic acid, sulfuric acid, tartaric acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid and the like.

[0181] The pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention comprise a compound represented by Formulas IA, IB, IIA, or IIB (or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof) as an active ingredient, a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and optionally other therapeutic ingredients or adjuvants. Such additional therapeutic ingredients include, for example, cytotoxic agents (alkylators, DNA topoisomerase inhibitors, antimetabolites, tubulin binders); inhibitors of angiogenesis; and other different forms of therapies including kinase inhibitors such as Tarceva, monoclonal antibodies, cancer vaccines, doxorubicin, vincristine, cisplatin, carboplatin, gemcitabine, and taxanes. The compositions include compositions suitable for oral, rectal, topical, and parenteral (including subcutaneous, intramuscular, and intravenous) administration, although the most suitable route in any given case will depend on the particular host.



...e non-toxic bases, including inorganic bases and organic bases. Salts derived from such lithium, magnesium, manganese (ic and ous), potassium, sodium, zinc and the like salts. Salts derived from pharmaceutically acceptable organic non-toxic bases include salts of h as naturally occurring and synthesized substituted amines. Other pharmaceutically sins such as, for example, arginine, betaine, caffeine, choline, N,N-dibenzylethylenediamine, e, N-ethylmorpholine, N-ethylpiperidine, glucamine, glucosamine, histidine, hydrabamine, s, procaine, purines, theobromine, triethylamine, trimethylamine, tripropylamine, tromethamine

...conveniently prepared from pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic acids, including inorganic orsulfonic, citric, ethanesulfonic, fumaric, gluconic, glutamic, hydrobromic, hydrochloric, e, phosphoric, succinic, sulfuric, tartaric, p-toluenesulfonic acid and the like. Particularly e, and tartaric acids.



Structure-based Patent Searching

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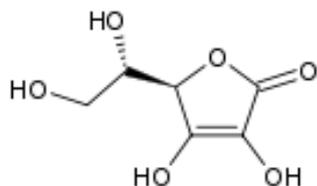
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Publishers should adopt/add InChIs RSC and Nature Publishing Group have!

6,7-Dimethyllumazine as a potential ligand for selective recognition of adenine opposite an abasic site in DNA duplexes†

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Synonyms:

- 2-amino-6,7-dimethyl-4-hydroxypteridine

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Blogs, Wikis, Forums and Collaborative Science

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Blogging Experience and Judgments

- The blogging community for chemistry small and tight
- Benefits to me
 - Fast feedback – on and offline
 - Extended network, diverse skills
 - Fast way to spread news – a local PressWire
- Most blogs are for information sharing, opinions
- Low in scientific content – the content is “off-blog” – blogs help find it
- Small number of blogs doing real science



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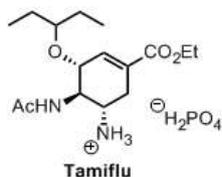
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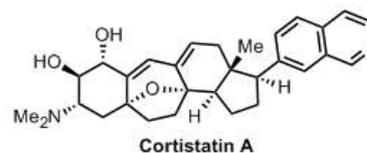
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Shibasaki, Yamatsugu, Yin, Kamijo, Kimura and Kanai. *ACIEE*, **2008**, *EarlyView*. DOI: [10.1002/anie.200804777](https://doi.org/10.1002/anie.200804777)

A fifth appearance for my favourite drug 'interloper' in to this natural-product space; alarm bells shouldn't be ringing - just cause I work in pharma doesn't mean I've turned my back on natural products! Tamiflu is of course based on a natural product, [shikimic acid](#) - the starting point for the original synthesis. But as natural sources go, it's rather hard to get hold of, and thus damned pricey (£248 for 5g on SA just now). Other routes used involved chemistry that was perhaps a mite 'tetchy' on scale, such as azides and aziridines. A few years

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Cortistatin Pt. III



Cortistatin A

Shair, Lee, and Nieto-Oberhuber, *JACS*, **2008**, *ASAP*. DOI: [10.1021/ja8071918](https://doi.org/10.1021/ja8071918)

A third showing for everybody's favourite androstane, this offering from Matt Shair adds to the quantity of innovative chemistry used in it's construction. As a quick reminder, first up was [Phil Baran, back in May](#); then came [Nicolaou and Chen in August](#) - along with several 'studies towards papers'. However, rather than my going through it all again, have a look at this [excellent review by Stefan Bräse](#) which was in *ACIEE* last month.

If you read it through, you'll notice Nicolaou's use of the Hajos-Parrish ketone (the synthesis of which I discussed in my post on that work); Shair

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In Other News...

K. A. Woerpel *et al*. Mechanisms for nucleophilic substitutions of cyclic acetals: nucleophile strength versus stereoselectivity.
[10.1021/ol8019956](https://doi.org/10.1021/ol8019956)

P. A. Evans *et al*. Intermolecular rhodium-catalyzed [3+2+2] cyclization of
alkynes and alkenes to form bicyclic ethylenes.

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Antony Williams's Summary

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Over the past decade I held many responsibilities including the direction of



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Paclitaxel

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Paclitaxel is a **mitotic inhibitor** used in **cancer chemotherapy**. It was discovered in a **National Cancer Institute** program at the **Research Triangle Institute** in 1967 when **Monroe E. Wall** and **Mansukh C. Wani** isolated it from the bark of the Pacific yew tree, *Taxus brevifolia* and named it 'taxol'. When **Bristol-Myers Squibb** (BMS) licensed the compound for sale they claimed rights to the name as well and people responded by referring to the generic name as 'paclitaxel', but BMS later lost the court case about naming rights. In this formulation paclitaxel is dissolved in **Cremophor EL**, a polyoxyethylated castor oil, as a delivery agent since paclitaxel is not soluble in water. A newer formulation, in which paclitaxel is bound to **albumin** as the delivery agent (**Protein-bound paclitaxel**), is sold commercially by **Abraxis BioScience** under the trademark **Abraxane** ^[2]

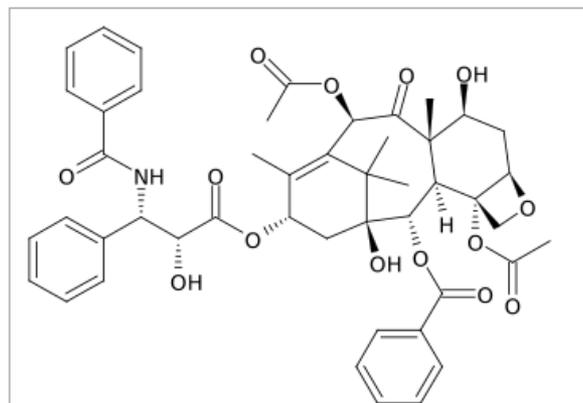
Paclitaxel is now used to treat patients with **lung**, **ovarian**, **breast cancer**, head and neck cancer, and advanced forms of **Kaposi's sarcoma**. Paclitaxel is also used for the prevention of **restenosis**.

Paclitaxel works by interfering with normal **microtubule** breakdown during cell division. Together with **docetaxel**, it forms the drug category of the **taxanes**. It was the subject of a notable **total synthesis** by **Robert A. Holton**.

As well as offering substantial improvement in patient care, paclitaxel has been a relatively controversial drug. There was originally concern because of the environmental impact of its original sourcing, no longer used, from the Pacific yew. The assignment of rights, and even the name itself, to BMS were the subject of public debate and Congressional hearings.

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- History
 - The plant screening program, isolation, and preclinical trials
 - Early clinical trials, supply and the transfer to BMS
- Production



Paclitaxel

Systematic (IUPAC) name

(1*S*,2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,7*R*,9*S*,10*S*,12*R*,15*S*)-4,12-Diacetoxy-15-[[[(2*R*,3*S*)-3-(benzoylamino)-2-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanoyl]oxy]-1,9-dihydroxy-10,14,17,17-tetramethyl-11-oxo-6-oxatetracyclo[11.3.1.0~3,10~.0~4,7~]heptadec-13-en-2-yl] benzoate

Identifiers

CAS number 33069-82-4
ATC code L01CJ01



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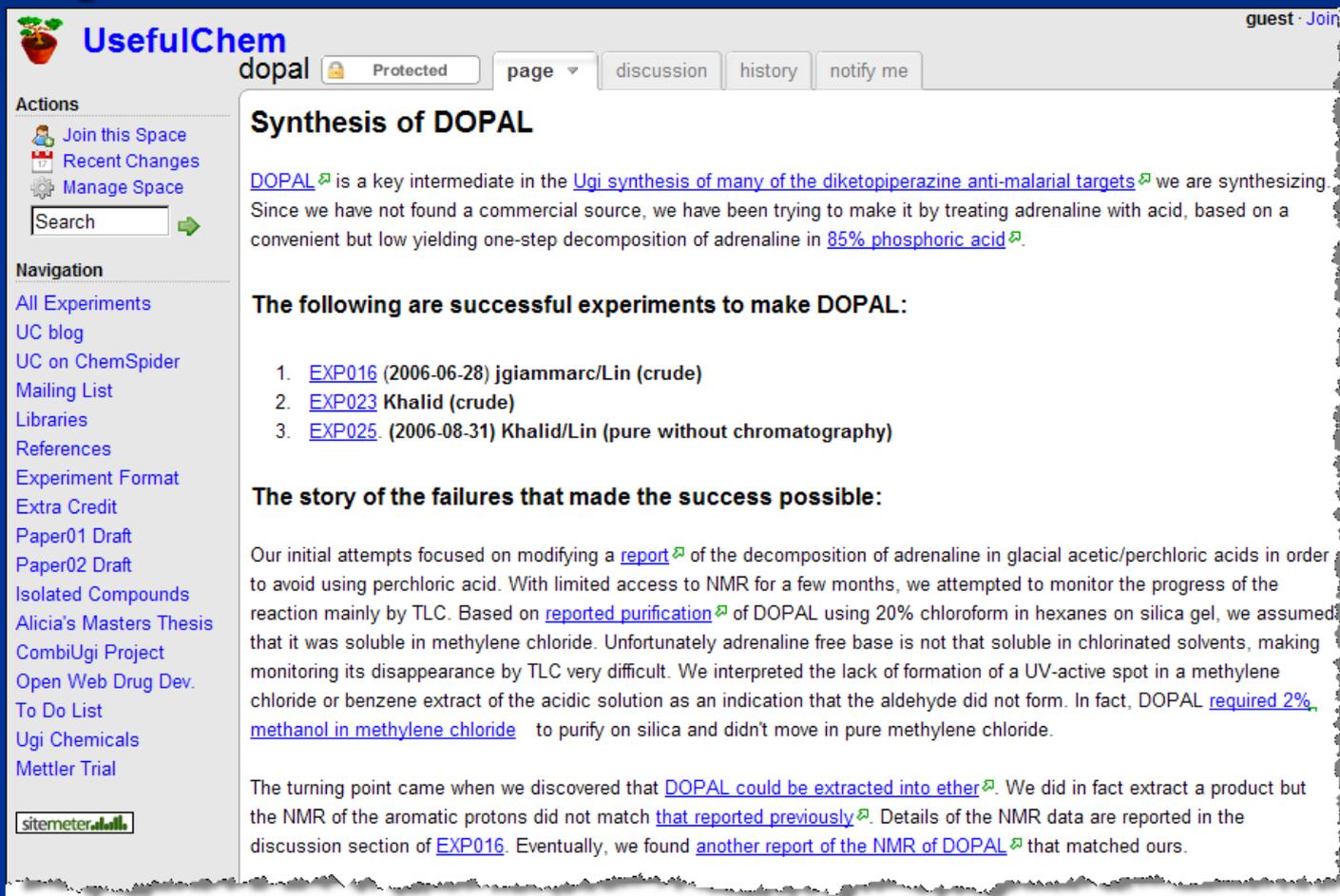
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Synthesis of DOPAL

[DOPAL](#) is a key intermediate in the [Ugi synthesis of many of the diketopiperazine anti-malarial targets](#) we are synthesizing. Since we have not found a commercial source, we have been trying to make it by treating adrenaline with acid, based on a convenient but low yielding one-step decomposition of adrenaline in [85% phosphoric acid](#).

The following are successful experiments to make DOPAL:

- [EXP016](#) (2006-06-28) jgiammarc/Lin (crude)
- [EXP023](#) Khalid (crude)
- [EXP025](#) (2006-08-31) Khalid/Lin (pure without chromatography)

The story of the failures that made the success possible:

Our initial attempts focused on modifying a [report](#) of the decomposition of adrenaline in glacial acetic/perchloric acids in order to avoid using perchloric acid. With limited access to NMR for a few months, we attempted to monitor the progress of the reaction mainly by TLC. Based on [reported purification](#) of DOPAL using 20% chloroform in hexanes on silica gel, we assumed that it was soluble in methylene chloride. Unfortunately adrenaline free base is not that soluble in chlorinated solvents, making monitoring its disappearance by TLC very difficult. We interpreted the lack of formation of a UV-active spot in a methylene chloride or benzene extract of the acidic solution as an indication that the aldehyde did not form. In fact, DOPAL [required 2% methanol in methylene chloride](#) to purify on silica and didn't move in pure methylene chloride.

The turning point came when we discovered that [DOPAL could be extracted into ether](#). We did in fact extract a product but the NMR of the aromatic protons did not match [that reported previously](#). Details of the NMR data are reported in the discussion section of [EXP016](#). Eventually, we found [another report of the NMR of DOPAL](#) that matched ours.



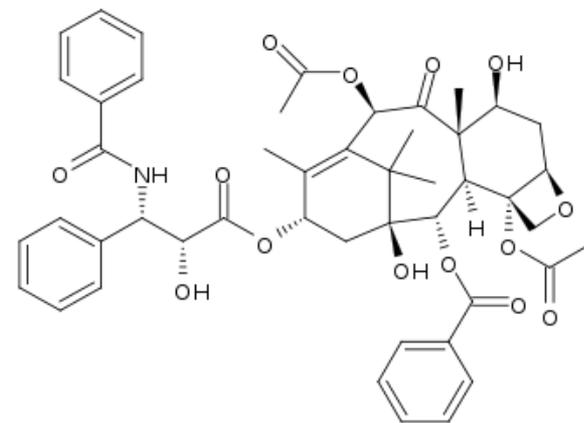
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Wikipedia Chemistry Curation project

- Only ca. 5000 organic structures
- A year of work for a team of 6 people
- Many errors removed in the process.
- Slow and torturous process
- CAS collaborating in the process



Paclitaxel

Systematic (IUPAC) name

(1*S*,2*S*,3*R*,4*S*,7*R*,9*S*,10*S*,12*R*,15*S*)-4,12-Diacetoxy-15-[[[(2*R*,3*S*)-3-(benzoylamino)-2-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanoyl]oxy]-1,9-dihydroxy-10,14,17,17-tetramethyl-11-oxo-6-oxatetracyclo[11.3.1.0~3,10~.0~4,7~]heptadec-13-en-2-yl benzoate

Identifiers

CAS number	33069-62-4	🟢
ATC code	L01CD01	🟢
PubChem	36314	🟢
DrugBank	APRD00259	🟢
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Chemical data

Formula	C ₄₇ H ₅₁ NO ₁₄
Mol. mass	853.906 g/mol



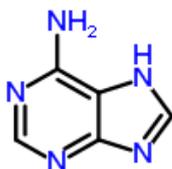
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Nominal Mass: 135 Da
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Systematic Name: 7H-purin-6-amine
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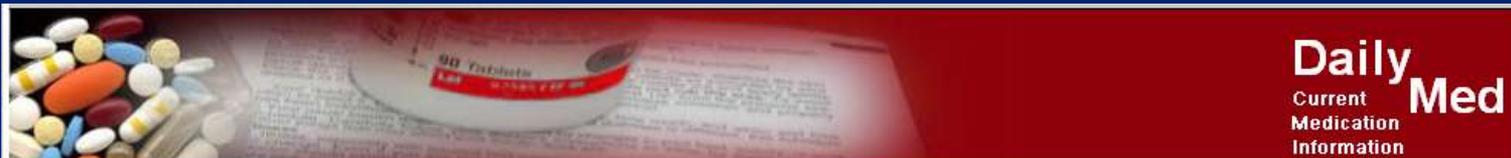
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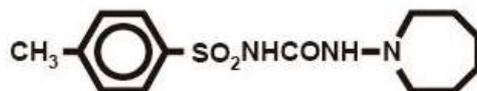
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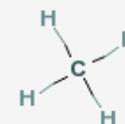
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Charcoal - Compound Summary (CID: 297)

An amorphous form of carbon prepared from the incomplete combustion of animal or vegetable matter, e.g., wood. The activated form of charcoal is used in the treatment of poisoning. (Grant & Hackh's Chemical Dictionary, 5th ed)

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Compound ID	297	?
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Molecular Formula	CH ₄	?
H-Bond Donor	0	?
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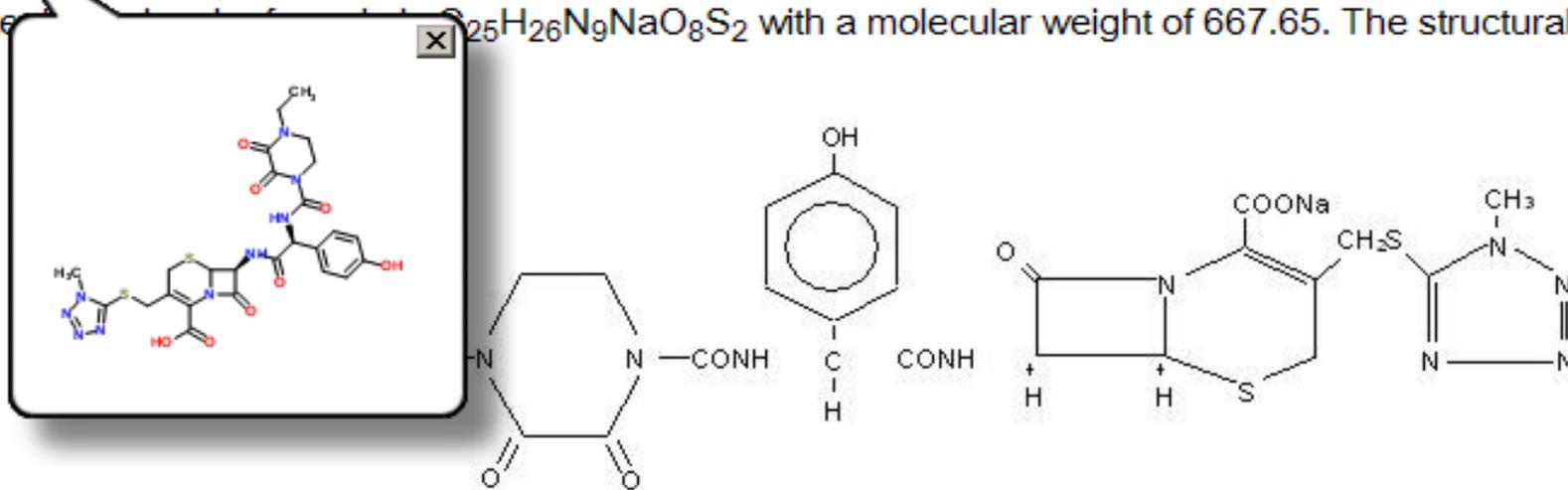


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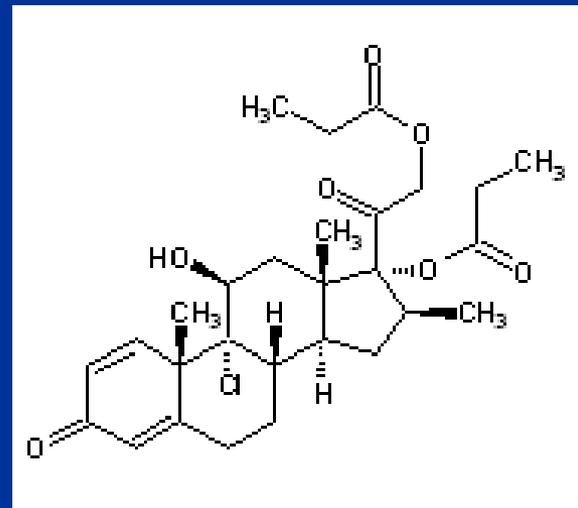
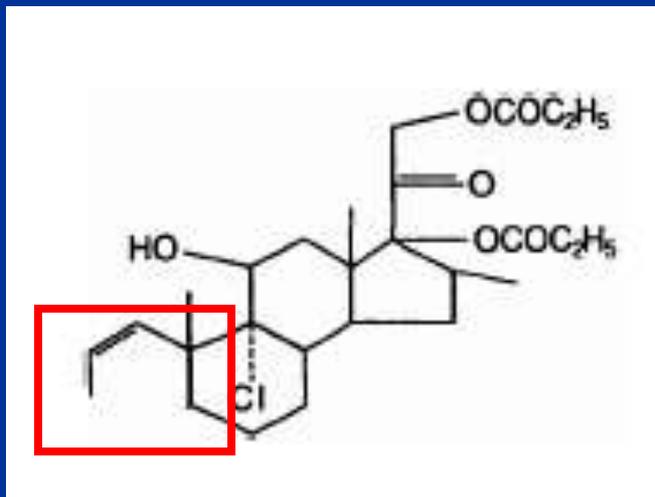
DESCRIPTION

CEFEBID® (sterile cefoperazone), formerly known as sterile cefoperazone sodium, contains cefoperazone a semisynthetic, broad-spectrum cephalosporin antibiotic. Chemically, cefoperazone sodium is sodium (6*R*,7*R*) piperazinecarbamoyl-2-(*p*-hydroxyphenyl)- acetamido-3-[[[(1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazol-5-yl)thio]methyl]-8-oxo-5-thia-2-carboxylate sodium salt. $C_{25}H_{26}N_9NaO_8S_2$ with a molecular weight of 667.65. The structural formula is shown below.





Quality of Structures





Crowdsourcing

- Chemistry databases enhanced by crowdsourcing
- Chemistry databases can be connected to articles, vendors, properties, spectra, etc.
- A platform for deposition, curation and distribution ?
- This is the future... existing business models are at risk



Wendy Warr

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Wendy Warr scours the scientific, technical and medical sector in search of innovation

By Wendy Warr 05 Dec 2008

- “...some publishers are responding vigorously to market forces, but **the steady growth of free information resources is a real threat to them.**”

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Trademark Infringement But Real Competition...

ACS Takes Legal Action Against Google

Google search service is said to infringe SciFinder
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The [American Chemical Society](#) filed a complaint on Dec. 9 against Google Inc. in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The complaint contends that Google's use of the trademark "Scholar" for its Google Scholar literature-search engine constitutes trademark infringement and unfair competition.

A beta version of Google Scholar (<http://scholar.google.com>) debuted in mid-November. The search service allows users, at no cost, to "search specifically for scholarly literature, including peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, preprints, abstracts, and technical reports from all broad areas of research," according to a Google website.



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By [John Timmer](#) | Published: July 28, 2008 - 11:16PM CT

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RSC and ChemSpider develop InChI Resolver

01 December 2008

An InChI Resolver, a unique free service for scientists to share chemical structures and data, will be developed by a collaboration between ChemZoo Inc., host of ChemSpider, and the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Using the InChI - an IUPAC standard identifier for compounds - scientists can share and contribute their own molecular data and search millions of others from many web sources. The RSC/ChemSpider InChI Resolver will give researchers the tools to create standard InChI data for their own compounds, create and use search engine-friendly InChIKeys to search for compounds, and deposit their data for others to use in the future.

The future of publishing

'The wider adoption and unambiguous use of the InChI standard will be an important development in the way chemistry is published in the future, and the further development of the semantic web,' comments Robert Parker, Managing Director of RSC Publishing.



Peer Review and Wikis

Peter Frishauf, founder of Medscape

- “Andrew Grove, ... Intel Corporation, **likens traditional peer-review systems to Middle Ages guilds**. He calls for "cultural revolution" in publishing to reinvent peer review.”
- “That revolution will emerge as **a variant of Wikipedia**. Medical publishing, peer review, research, patient care, and commerce will be transformed. And for the better.”



Conclusions

- The internet enables chemistry – and at a reduced cost
- Web 2.0 is here and improving quality – to benefit 3.0
- Question Quality!
- Crowdsourcing for expansion, curation and integration
- Classical models may die quite quickly – business models must change soon or fail
- Publishers – heed the proliferation of InChIs for Chemistry



The End of Traditional Publishing

- Peter Frishauf, [The Medscape Journal of Medicine](#) makes two predictions
 - Within 5 years, most medical journals will be **open-access**. [...] provide access to trusted articles and data at no cost.
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Research In Progress: Predicting Potential Endogenous/Exogenous P-gp Substrates.

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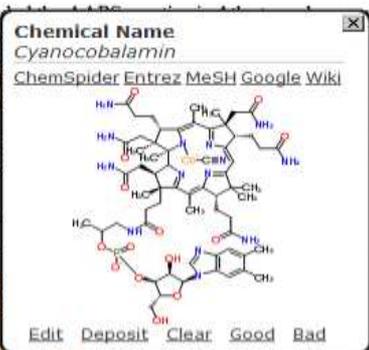
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Table 1. Hits found in the search.

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Digoxin	0.855
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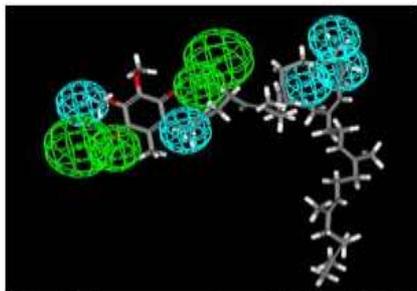


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Figure 1. P-gp substrate pharmacophore - showing the mapping of Coenzyme Q10. Pharmacophore features include hydrophobic (cyan) and hydrogen bond acceptors (green).



Interestingly a very recent paper by Itagaki et al., suggests the top scoring Coenzyme Q10 interacts with P-gp (see PubMed abstract below).



The Story of NAPE

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Molecule Shuts Down Food Intake and Turns on "Siesta Mode"

Researchers have identified a molecule that tells your brain your stomach is full—signaling that it's time to say no to a second piece of pumpkin pie and push back from the Thanksgiving table.

In studies with mice and rats, researchers have found that a chemical messenger called NAPE is made in the small intestine after the animals ate a greasy meal. After eating, NAPE—N-acylphosphatidylethanolamine, a mouthful in itself—enters the blood and travels to the brain, where it quashes hunger signals. Rats treated with extra NAPE for five days ate less and lost weight, hinting that studying NAPE could help researchers design better appetite suppressants or obesity drugs.

"It's really quite effective. At the highest doses, it keeps the animals from eating for up to 12 hours."

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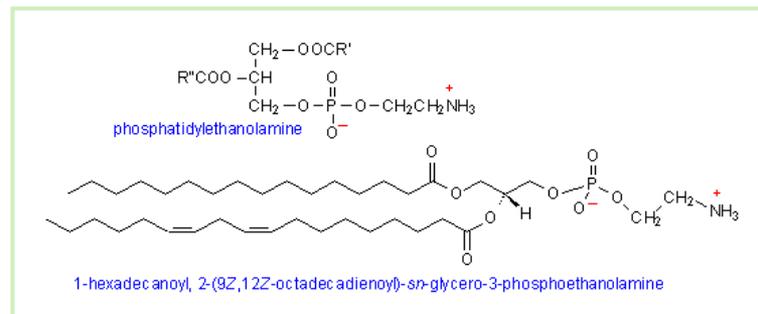
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STRUCTURE, OCCURRENCE, BIOCHEMISTRY and ANALYSIS

1. Phosphatidylethanolamine – Structure and Occurrence

Phosphatidylethanolamine (once given the trivial name 'cephalin') is usually the second most abundant phospholipid in animal and plant lipids and it is frequently the main lipid component of microbial membranes. It can amount to 20% of liver phospholipids and as much as 45% of those of brain; higher proportions are found in mitochondria than in other organelles. As such, it is obviously a key building block of membrane bilayers. It is a neutral or zwitterionic phospholipid (at least in the pH range 2 to 7) with the structure shown (with one specific molecular species illustrated as an example).



In animal tissues, phosphatidylethanolamine tends to exist in diacyl, alkylacyl and alkenylacyl forms, and data for the compositions of these various forms from bovine heart muscle are listed in our web pages on [ether lipids](#). In addition, as much as 70% of the phosphatidylethanolamine in some cell types (inflammatory cells, neurons and tumor cells) can have an ether linkage.

In general, animal phosphatidylethanolamine tends to contain higher proportions of arachidonic and docosahexaenoic acids than the other zwitterionic phospholipid, phosphatidylcholine. These polyunsaturated components are concentrated in position *sn*-2 with saturated fatty acids most abundant in position *sn*-1, as illustrated for rat liver and chicken egg in [Table 1](#). In most other species, it would be expected that the structure of the phosphatidylethanolamine in the same metabolically active tissues would exhibit similar features.

Table 1. Positional distribution of fatty acids in phosphatidylethanolamine in animal tissues.

Position	Fatty acid						
	14:0	16:0	18:0	18:1	18:2	20:4	22:6

Rat liver [1]



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By Will Dunham

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – Scientists have identified a fatty substance made in the gut that signals the brain when it's time to stop eating -- a discovery that could inspire new approaches to fighting obesity.

Writing in the journal *Cell* on Wednesday, U.S. researchers said experiments with mice and rats showed that a naturally occurring fat-derived chemical messenger called NAPE regulated how much the

animals ate. It is present in people and may do the same thing, they said.

Gerald Shulman of Yale University and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and colleagues said that when the rodents were fed a fatty meal, their small intestine made a lot of NAPE and put it into the bloodstream. It then traveled to the brain and shut down hunger signals, they said.



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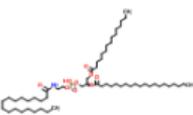
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DESCRIPTION

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N-Acyl phosphatidylethanolamine in which the free amino group of phosphatidylethanolamine is acylated by a further fatty acid is a common constituent of cereal grains (e.g. wheat, barley and oats) and of some other seeds, but it may occur in other plant tissues, especially under conditions of physiological stress. It has also been found in a number of microbial species.

This phospholipid has been detected in rather small amounts in several animal tissues, but especially brain, nervous tissues and the epidermis, when the N-acyl chain is often palmitic or stearic acid. Under conditions of degenerative stress, it can accumulate in significant amounts, for example as the result of ischemic injury, infarction or cancer.